

**Next BCO Membership Meeting**  
**Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2004**  
**Holstein Park**  
**7PM**



# BUCKTOWN NEWS

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## **Save the Date!** **Bucktown Winter Gala** **February 26, 2004**

The date has been set for the Bucktown Winter Gala – Thursday, February 26, 2004. The event will be held at Feast Restaurant from 6 – 11 p.m. We'll be distributing information on ticket sales and party details soon. This is a great opportunity to socialize with your neighbors, meet new friends and taste great food.

If you're interested in helping to plan the event, please contact Julie Halperin at [juliehalperin@hotmail.com](mailto:juliehalperin@hotmail.com).

## **Around the Coyote** **Winter Arts Festival**

Around the Coyote (ATC) will lead an impressive Winter Arts Festival showcasing the talents of a diverse array of artists and performers. The Festival will begin with a bang on February 6<sup>th</sup>, as ATC will host its Curator's Choice and Silent Auction at 1579 North Milwaukee, Suite 352 of the Flat Iron Arts Building. Poetry readings, video screenings, and other exhibits and performances will take place from February 7<sup>th</sup> through February 9<sup>th</sup> along Milwaukee Avenue. For more information, go to [www.aroundthecoyote.org](http://www.aroundthecoyote.org)

If you're an artist in Bucktown and you have ideas about how to improve the infusion of art throughout the Bucktown community and increase awareness about community artists, please send your ideas to Jennifer Avers, VP of Cultural Relations, at [vanhowe@yahool.com](mailto:vanhowe@yahool.com).

## **BCO to Kick-Off 2004 with Special** **Member Appreciation Meeting**

The BCO will dedicate its **Tuesday, January 20, 2004** General Membership Meeting to Member Appreciation. Pizza and refreshments will be provided and 10 Bucktown T-shirts will be raffled off to members attending the meeting.

You'll also get a chance to hear about what the BCO has planned for this year and how you can get involved. See you there!

## **Under Construction: The NEW** **Bucktown/Wicker Park Library**

As many residents may have noticed, a new Bucktown library is slated for construction at Leavitt and Wabansia (1701 North Milwaukee). Construction is anticipated to take up to 14 months and, as Mary Dempsey, Commissioner of the Chicago Public Library, reported, "depending on weather, work will begin in earnest in early January" with dedication expected to occur in summer of 2005.

The BCO Board is investigating the procedures for establishing a Friend of the Bucktown/Wicker Park Branch Library and looks to community members to participate in such an effort. If you are interested in learning about ways to support the construction and continuous improvement of a high-quality library in the neighborhood, please contact Jennifer Avers, VP of Cultural Relations, at [vanhowe@yahoo.com](mailto:vanhowe@yahoo.com).

## President's Corner

By Steve Lipe

Happy New Year! I am really excited about the prospects for 2004 for the BCO and the entire Bucktown neighborhood.

The BCO Board has some great new additions for 2004 in Macy Boehm Clemons (VP Public Relations), Payton Chung (VP Parks and the Environment) and Jonathon Wolman (VP Planning & Zoning). They each bring a lot of energy and experience in the areas they will direct for the BCO.

I would like to thank last year's Board for another great year. The Board was able to operate with a surplus of funds for the year and still donate \$3,500 to neighborhood projects and charitable organizations. Last year's donations were:

Friends of Ehrler Park	
Park Renovation Project	\$1,000
Around the Coyote Mural Project	
Mural in Churchill Park	\$500
Drummond School	
Technology Upgrades	\$1,000
Deborah's Place	
Donation to home for battered women	<u>\$1,000</u>
Total	\$3,500

Mostly, I would like to thank Brooke Pettijohn Millar, Joe Lake and Bill Gurolnick of last year's Board for their hard work and service to the BCO. Joe especially will be missed, and we hope he will still use his vast network of contacts to keep us ahead curve in knowing the happenings of the neighborhood and City.

Five of last year's Board Members have remained on the Board all in new positions. Last year's President Julie Halperin will put her boundless energy into organizing special events and raising money as the new VP of Fundraising, Eva Bergant is planning creative ideas as the VP Membership, Jennifer Avers will use her experience working with non-profits to expand the position of VP Cultural Relations. As a banker, Paul Feaser will easily make the transition to Treasure and I have moved over

from Planning and Zoning to take the President's position.

### **The positions of Secretary and VP Community Relations are still open for the 2004 Board.**

I would invite all members to consider volunteering for one of the positions. Being on the BCO Board is lot of fun and a great way to meet other people in the neighborhood. If you are interested in volunteering or you want to 'volunteer' your neighbor, friend, husband or wife. Please contact me at (773) 489-9600 or SteveL@bucktown.org.

I have a few goals I would like to accomplish for the BCO over the next year.

- Develop an active committee structure under each of the VP positions.
- Increase membership in the BCO from just over 300 to 400 members.
- Raise at least \$10,000 through special events and fundraisers.
- Increase communication from the Board to the membership with the goal of some form of communication—newsletter, postcard, e-mail, etc.—at least once a month.

Finally, I would like to encourage every member to become involved in one of the BCO's committees. A more active set of committees will not only help the BCO accomplish more things, but it will also provide other benefits like building a more cohesive neighborhood and cultivating a group of future Board members. Besides the Planning & Zoning Committee the existence of the other BCO committees has been sketchy at best over the last few years.

Bucktown occupies a unique place among Chicago neighborhoods. In recent years Bucktown has been known for its ethnic diversity, flourishing nightlife and artistic edge. The neighborhood has matured a bit to be recognized additionally in Chicago and across the country for its one of kind shopping and fine dining. We are lucky to have such a great set of things in our neighborhood, and Bucktown is changing still. I know I am not the only one contributing to the baby population here. Has anyone else experienced the stroller traffic jam at Café De Luca? Increasingly those parents

are choosing to stick around the neighborhood when those babies become kids.

Wouldn't it be great if Bucktown could keep its artistic edge and diversity, while accommodating this growing family oriented trend? This can be accomplished by the BCO through such diverse roles as maintaining a proper stewardship of development and zoning, organizing against crime, encouraging

the development of other special interest neighborhood groups, and hosting social activities for all ages. The Bucktown Community Organization is charged with exploiting the ingredients we have in the neighborhood to help retain and develop an urban quality of life like no other in Chicago.

Enjoy the neighborhood!

## Zoning and Planning Update

By Jonathan Wolman

At the November meeting of the Zoning & Planning Committee, the Committee reviewed and supported the rezoning of 1647 North Wolcott Street from C1-2 to R4 for the construction of a single family house. Four other projects were also reviewed for rezoning requests: 1657 North Paulina from R-3 to R-4, 2120 North Leavitt Street from R-4 to R-5, 2035 West Homer Street from R-3 to R-4, and 1608 North Milwaukee Ave. (the Coyote Building), from B4-2 to a Planned Development of 40 condominium units.

With the exception of 2035 Homer, upon which a decision was deferred, the Committee does not support the proposed rezoning of any of those projects. If you have any questions about the committee's decisions, please contact Jonathon Wolman, VP Zoning and Planning at (773) 252-0870 or buckeyedog@sbcglobal.net.

### Zoning Change Proposed for 2213 W. Wabansia

On October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2003, a request was presented to the Committee for the rezoning of 2213 West Wabansia from M1-2 to R-5 to allow for an 8-unit condominium development. The Zoning and Planning Committee did not support the rezoning as presented. After receiving a

negative recommendation from the Committee, the Developer requested to present his plan directly to the BCO general Membership at the upcoming January Meeting. However, it appears now that the project may have been dropped.

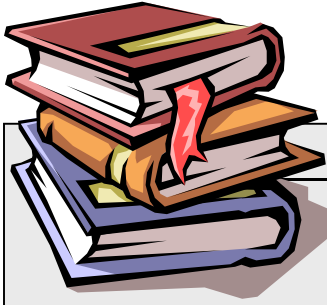
The zoning change would have allowed for a 12,372 square foot 8 unit residential condominium development with 8 parking spaces. The lot size is 45 feet by 125 feet, and currently is a two-story manufacturing building. Proposed variances included the reduction of the front yard setback requirement from 15 feet to 4.25 feet, the reduction of the side yard setback requirements from 4.5 feet to zero and 1 foot, the reduction of the rear yard setback requirement from 52 feet to 30 feet, and a waiver of the off-street loading access requirement. The proposed building height was 45 feet, and 50 feet at the highest peak. Green space would have been approximately 191 square feet, or 3.4% of the total lot area.

If you have questions or concerns about the above or any other zoning issues, please contact Jonathon Wolman.

### FYI: A Brief Definition of Zoning Codes

**R3** - Permits residential only with one unit per 2,500 square feet of lot area. Maximum above grade building size is 0.9 times the square feet of the lot.  
**R4** - Permits residential only with one unit per 1,000 square feet of lot area. Maximum above grade building size is 1.2 times the square feet of the lot.  
**R5** - Permits residential only with one unit per 400 square feet of lot area. Maximum above grade building size is 2.2 times the square feet of the lot.  
**B2-2/B4-2** - Permits business uses and residential only above the first floor with one unit per 1,000 square feet of lot area. Maximum above ground building size is 2.2 times the square feet of the lot.

**B4-3** - Permits business uses and residential only above the first floor with one unit per 400 square feet of lot area. Maximum above grade building size is 3.0 times the square feet of the lot.  
**M1-1** - Permits manufacturing and some business uses and no residential. Maximum above grade building size is 1.2 times the square feet of the lot.  
**M1-2** - Permits manufacturing and some business uses and no residential. Maximum above grade building size is 2.2 times the square feet of the lot.



### **Check Out What's Happening at the Damen Avenue Library**

2056 N. Damen Avenue  
312-744-6022

#### **Book Discussion**

Thursday, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>  
*Running with Scissors*

#### **Writer's Workshop**

Every other Thursday (1/8/04, 1/22/04)  
6:30 p.m.  
Open to all ages; Bring pieces of your own writing (500 word max.) Read and discuss your work in a safe environment.

#### **Preschool Story Time**

10:00 a.m. Every Friday

#### **Chess Club**

3:00-5:00 p.m. Every Friday

**Want Details? Call the library at 312-744-6022**

## **Sharing is Best: Learning More about I-GO, A Neighborhood Car Sharing Service**

By Payton Chung

Your car demands a lot from you: \$30 for a tank of gas, \$300 a month for payments, \$2,500 a year for insurance, \$150 a year for stickers, potentially thousands if some tiny screw under the hood gets loose, and maybe \$50 for a ticket, if that rare parking space turns out to be not so legal after all. And all this for something that's used just an hour or two a day -- if even that.

What if you could have the convenience and flexibility of having a car -- without any of the random costs and hassles? Some Bucktown residents have been enjoying just that thanks to I-GO, a car-sharing service run by the Center for Neighborhood Technology, a local nonprofit.

"We're asking people to choose a smarter way to drive," said Kathy Summers, I-GO's vice president for marketing. "It's like owning a car, only better."

Organized car-sharing cooperatives began in Europe decades ago. Technological advances

have made car sharing easier to use. Now, thousands of people in cities across the U.S. and Canada, including nearly 300 in Chicago, share cars. The car-sharing service takes care of insurance, maintenance, parking, and gas; members just drive.

I-GO members have 24-hour access to its growing fleet of cars, which are currently stationed in reserved parking spots in downtown, Edgewater, Hyde Park, Logan Square, and Wicker Park. Members use voice mail to reserve cars, then return the car to its parking spot when done. Members pay just \$6 an hour, plus 50 cents per mile; an average member pays about \$120 monthly. I-GO makes particularly good sense for people who drive for a few errands each month, or for families who have but rarely use a second car. For longer trips, I-GO members can get reduced rates on rental cars.

Car sharing isn't just convenient and economical for users; it also helps the

community and the environment. Each I-GO car serves about 15-20 members. Having one car on the roads, instead of 15, frees up almost an entire block of parking spots.

Since I-GO trips are priced by the hour and have to be reserved, members are likely to think a little before driving -- reducing the total number of miles driven and encouraging walking, biking, or transit for short trips. Two dozen Seattle families cut their driving by over 1,200 miles a week after joining car-sharing, reducing local traffic congestion.

Cutting back on driving is the single biggest step most Americans can take to improve the

environment. "I-GO helps improve our air quality by providing a way for Chicagoans to reduce the need for private vehicles," says Marcia Jiminez, city environment commissioner. And when I-GO members do drive, it's in an ultra-low-emissions Honda Civic.

Thanks to I-GO, Bucktown residents can easily help save the planet while saving money and headaches. The Wicker Park car, near North and Leavitt, is convenient for many Bucktown residents; I-GO will expand if there's demonstrated interest elsewhere in the neighborhood. For more information about I-GO, visit [www.I-GO-cars.org](http://www.I-GO-cars.org) or call 773-278-4-I-GO.

### BCO Board of Directors and Key Contacts

<b>President</b>	Steve Lipe	SteveL@bucktown.org
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### Want to get more involved with the BCO?

Call the hotline at 409-4003, visit our website at [www.bucktown.org](http://www.bucktown.org) or contact any of the board members

### Don't Miss It!

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*Special Member  
Appreciation  
Meeting!*

*Pizza and  
Refreshments*

**Holstein Park  
2200 N. Oakley**

# Bucktown Community Guide

<b>ALDERMAN</b>		<b>CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Ward Alderman		General Information	312.746.6000
Manny Flores	773.278.0101	14 <sup>th</sup> District	312.744.8290
1514 N. Ashland		2150 N. California	
<a href="mailto:mflores@cityofchicago.org">mflores@cityofchicago.org</a>			
32 <sup>nd</sup> Ward Alderman	773.227.1100	Police Resources	
Ted Matlak		Gang Hotline	312.746.4264
2150 N. Damen		Graffiti Blasters	311
tmatlak@cityofchicago.org		Hate Crimes Unit	312.747.5486
		Illinois State Police	847.294.4400
		Dept. of Family and	
		Children Services	312.793.2100
<b>BUCKTOWN COMMUNITY</b>		Dept. of Human Services	312.744.4055
<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	312.409.4003	Narcotics Hotline	773.869.6600
1653 North Milwaukee Suite #520		Rape Crisis Hotline	888.293.2080
<a href="mailto:bco@bucktown.org">bco@bucktown.org</a>		Victim/Witness	
		Assistance	312.869.7200
<b>CHAMBER OF COMMERCE</b>			
Wicker Park Bucktown	773.384.7525	<b>SCHOOLS</b>	
1608 N. Milwaukee, 204-205		Drummond Elementary School	773.534.4120
		1845 W. Cortland Street	
<b>CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY</b>			
Travel Information	888.968.7282	Pulaski Elementary School	773.534.4391
		2230 W. McLean Avenue	
<b>PARK DISTRICT</b>			
Holstein Field House	312.744.1473	<b>SPECIAL EVENTS AND TOURISM</b>	
2200 N. OAKLEY		Mayor's Office of	
		Special Events	312.744.3370
<b>CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY</b>		Chicago Convention	
Damen Branch Library	312.744.6022	And Tourism Board	312.567.8500
2056 N. Damen		Chicago Office of	
		Tourism	312.744.2400
<b>U.S. POST OFFICE</b>			
Roberto Clemente Station	773.489.1475	<b>UTILITIES</b>	
2339 N. California		Electrical	
		Commonwealth Edison	800.334.7661
Wicker Park	773.278.2069	Gas	
1635 W. Division		Peoples Gas	312.240.7000
		Telephone	
<b>POLICE &amp; FIRE</b>		SBC	800.972.9002
Emergencies	911	Water	
Non-Emergencies	311	City of Chicago	312.744.7038

## Did You Know?

**You can borrow FREE passes to 10 different museums in Chicago at the Damen Avenue Library.**

Call 773.744.6022 for more information about free passes to Shedd Aquarium, Museum of Science and Industry, Adler Planetarium, Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago Children's Museum, Field Museum, Chicago Historical Society, DuSable Museum and Mexican Fine Arts Museum.

# Attend Your Neighborhood CAPS Meeting

14<sup>th</sup> District: 312-744-8290

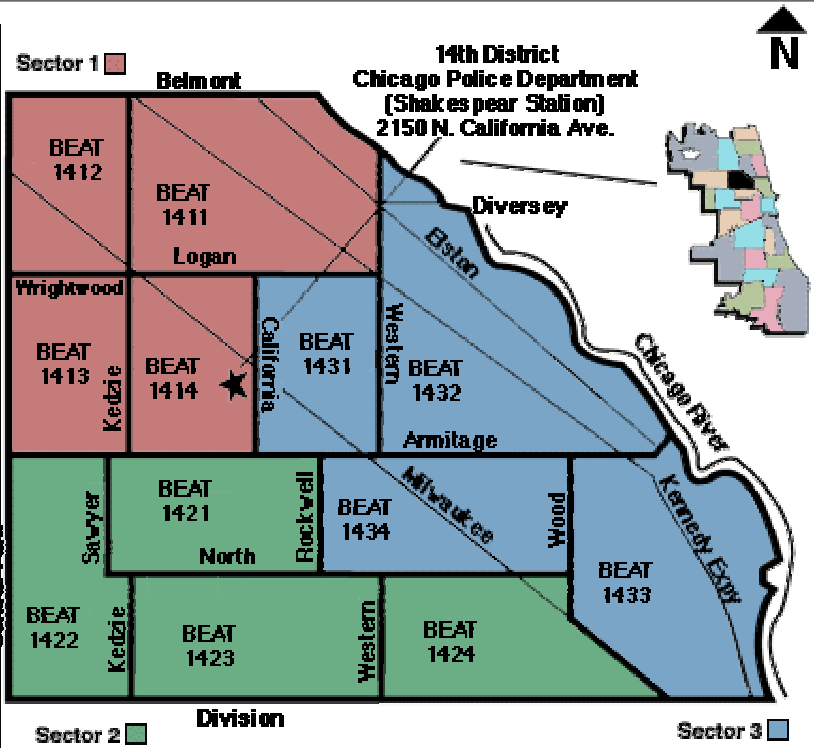
**Beat 1424**  
 North, Western, Division, Milwaukee, Wood  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of Every Month  
 7pm Wicker Park Fieldhouse

**Beat 1431**  
 Western, Logan, Milwaukee, California  
 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month  
 Location alternates every other month  
 (call 312-744-8290 for location)

**Beat 1432**  
 Western, Armitage, Chicago River  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month  
 7pm Holstein Park Field House

**Beat 1433**  
 Armitage, Chicago River, Division,  
 Milwaukee, Wood  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month  
 7 pm St. Stanislaus Church, 1255 N. Noble

**Beat 1434**  
 Armitage, Wood, North, Milwaukee  
 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month  
 7pm Holstein Park Field House



## Join the Bucktown Community Organization

a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the concerns of our neighborhood. You can be as active as you like. Meetings take place monthly and your participation is encouraged. There are many opportunities to volunteer. Or you can simply join and receive the newsletter knowing your dues are contributing to the betterment of the Bucktown community.

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  Renewal   
  Business   
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Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

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\$20/Year - Individual  
      \$10/Year - Age 55 and over  
 \$50/Year - Business

Membership Payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Additional Contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail completed application with check or money order payable to:  
 Bucktown Community Organization, 1658 N. Milwaukee Ave., Suite 520, Chicago, IL 60647

## **Special BCO Membership Offer: Join or Renew Membership and Get a Free Bucktown T-Shirt**

We are in the process of updating our membership database. Please check your mailing label now. If it has an expiration date prior to March 2004, use the membership form in this newsletter to renew your membership today. Every new or renewing member can pick up a free Bucktown t-shirt at a General Membership meeting, while supplies last. Also, please be sure to give us your email address as we are now sending event announcements via email to our registered members. Active members can give us their email by sending a note to [EvaB@bucktown.org](mailto:EvaB@bucktown.org). If you are interested in joining one of our committees please include that in your email. Please join us in welcoming these new and renewing members of the BCO:

*Robert Matha  
Wendy and James Marshall  
Margaret Michalski*

*Jack Needham and Linda Hay  
Brigitte Ozzello and Tom Sterner*

## **Planning Starting for 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual BGC Garden Walk**

The Bucktown Garden Club wishes to thank our volunteers, neighbor's and Feast Restaurant for supporting the BGC's 2nd Annual Holiday Wreath Sale. The wreath sale would not have been a success without your help and support. The BGC donated the remaining wreaths to a local community home.

The next Bucktown Garden Club meeting will be held on Monday, January 19th at 7:00 PM at Club Lucky. Although our gardens are settling in for a long winter's nap, the Bucktown Garden Club is anticipating celebrating the Third Annual BGC Garden Walk. We will be discussing this and many other topics. Hope to see you there.

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